

Northampton Police Building & Site Committee Meeting
January 10, 2008
Minutes

Members Present: Chief Russell Sienkiewicz, Robert Ostberg, Capt. Joseph Koncas, Lt. Scott Savino, Officer Mike Allard, Juanita Forsythe, Anthony Patillo, David Pomerantz, Councilor David Murphy, Councilor David Narkewicz

Also Present: Ray Kinghorn (Pinnacle One), Curtis Edgin, (Caolo & Bieniek Associates, Inc.)

Place: Northampton Senior Center conference room, 67 Conz Street

Start time: 5:00 pm

1. Call to order

Co-Chair Robert Ostberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2007

Councilor Narkewicz reported that committee member Jeanne Hoose was not present due to illness and was unable to provide the December minutes for today's meeting because of a computer malfunction. Approval of said minutes were deferred to a future meeting.

3. Public Comment

Joanne Montgomery of 161 Crescent Street, Florence asked the committee to incorporate a mature oak tree located off Center Street as part of its site design for the new station because of the many benefits trees provide (shade, storm water management, etc.). She submitted a letter with photographs detailing her concerns and ideas.

Paige Bridgens of 16 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton and a representative of "Tree Stewards of Northampton" reiterated Ms. Montgomery's comments about the importance of urban trees generally and the oak tree located on the proposed project site specifically.

4. Status Reports

CMAR

Chief Sienkiewicz reported that the application for utilizing the Construction Manager at Risk method approved by the Committee is still pending at the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General.

LEED Certification

Curtis Edgin of Caolo & Bieniek Associates referred Committee members to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Consultation proposal prepared by Enermodal Engineering Limited of Ontario, Canada and recommended proceeding with the "Step One" Concept Design Phase. This preliminary investigation by Enermodal would help the Committee determine whether pursuing full LEED design and certification was appropriate and cost effective for this project.

On this point, Chief Sienkiewicz referenced a letter he received from Don Jepson of Northampton cautioning the City about the extra bureaucratic expenses that would be incurred on an otherwise energy efficient building simply to obtain a plaque. Mr. Jepson cited his personal experience attempting to have a line of sustainably grown engineered wood veneers he markets certified by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for use in LEED projects.

In response to discussion and questions from the Committee, Mr. Edgin explained that Enermodal was a leader in the field of LEED certification having worked on twenty-one LEED certified buildings – including public safety facilities like the Northampton project. He was confident that performance of Enermodal’s proposed “Step One” Concept Design Phase at a cost of \$16,100 would provide the Committee with information needed to determine whether pursuing other steps in its proposal was warranted.

Juanita Forsythe moved that *“the Committee amend the Design Services Contract with Caolo and Bieniek to include the services of Enermodal Engineering Limited to perform the Step One Concept Design (Tasks 1 and 2) of its Sustainable LEED and Energy Efficiency Consulting for Northampton Police Building proposal.”* Captain Koncas seconded the motion. Co-Chair Ostberg called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Parking Lot

Chief Sienkiewicz presented a site survey drawing and explained the he was working with State Senator Rosenberg and the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) on a proposal involving a lease of the state-owned Gothic Street parking lot to the city that would facilitate project construction. The lease option was superior to outright transfer of ownership because the latter would require a full vote of the state legislature and

Mr. Edgin called the Committee’s attention to a 30” brick sewer line crossing both private and public property at the project site and requested that guidance be sought from the Department of Public Works on its status. A discussion ensued about how best to address these and other potential utility and zoning issues early in the design process and Mr. Patillo moved that *“the Committee request and schedule a formal Technical Review meeting for this project with the City to ensure that issues pertaining to planning, zoning, DPW, Fire, etc. can be identified and appropriately addressed in the design phase.”* Mr. Pomerantz seconded the motion. Co-Chair Ostberg called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patillo agreed to take responsibility for scheduling the Technical Review.

5. Adjournment

Chief Sienkiewicz made a motion that the Committee adjourn its meeting. Mr. Patillo seconded the motion. Co-Chair Ostberg called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Submitted, pending committee approval,
David Narkewicz